

Maintaining a diversity of views in media is critical to an effectively functioning democracy. Therefore, I am strongly opposed to further concentration in media ownership. In fact, I request that greater diversity of ownership be required. Allowing a few companies focused on short-term profits to control much of the information given to the US public does a great disservice to democracy. I am afraid there is already too much control of media.

For example, during the Irag war there was 24-7 coverage. After the war, Iragi protests against the US began. A few days later, coverage of Irag declined to almost nothing. Now it is hard to find anything on TV about Irag. Protests are not shown, but I suspect they are still occuring. I can understand that lower view interest causes less than 24-7 coverage. But interest did not decline to zero. The public would like to know what's going on over there.

I am concerned that the greatly reduced coverage has more to do with protecting President Bush's re-election chances than declining public interest. With a diversity of media ownership, at least some channels would be giving the US public the true story, which apparently is not occuring now.